

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, March 2013

Details are in the March issue of the *Advocacy Communicator*.

- Two reports have been issued on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Gov. Brown's proposed plan to completely revise education funding in California. Revenue limits and most of the categorical funds would be eliminated. School districts would get the same per student base amount, with extra funding for students who are low income, English learners or foster children. (There was a report about this in the February *Communicator*.)
- One of the reports was by the state Department of Finance. It shows how much per student funding every school district would get under the new plan. This month's *Communicator* has a table showing the eventual amounts for Orange County school districts under LCFF, compared with what districts got in 2011-12.
- The state Legislative Analyst also issued a report about the LCFF, with more information and some recommendations. You can read both of the reports online. The addresses are in the *Communicator*.
- California State PTA is in favor of a simplified funding formula with more local control, but wants the design and implementation to be done with a lot of public discussion and transparency.
- Both National PTA and state PTA support the federal Assault Weapons Ban of 2013, which was introduced by California Senator Dianne Feinstein.
- State PTA held its Legislation Conference in February and several people from Fourth District PTA were there. There are some brief reports in the *Communicator* and more will be posted on the Fourth District website.